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SENIOR OFFICIAL, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GAVE ME IN CONFIDENCE COPY OF FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM KING SOBHUZA TO OAU CHAIRMAN IDI AMIN:

QUOTE I HAVE THE HONOUR TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE VIEWS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF SWAZILAND ABOUT THE ANGOLAN SITUATION FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF ALL OAU MEMBER STATES:

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND NOTES THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICA UNITY, IN ITS EFFORT TO UNITE THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE TO FIGHT FOR LIBERATION FROM THE PORTUGUESE FASCIST REGIME, RECOGNIZED ALL THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA. IT THEREFORE VIEWS WITH GRAVE CONCERN THAT SOME MEMBER STATES OF THE SAME OAU ARE IN A POSITION TO PICK AND CHOOSE WHICH OF THESE MOVEMENTS SHOULD FORM THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA.

2. THE RECOGNITION OF THE ANGOLAN STATE, IN THE VIEW OF THE SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT, IS TIED UP WITH THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THAT COUNTRY. RECOGNITION OF ON MOVEMENT AS THE
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WHOEVER THEY MAY BE, MILITATES AGAINST THE VERY PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND ENCOURAGES DISMEMBERMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATE.

3. MPLA, FNLA-UNITA ARE ALL PERTINENT PARTIES IN ANGOLA. AN OAU RESOLUTION CALLING ON THEM TO ENDEAVOUR TO FORM A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY AND CEASE ACCEPTING ALL FORMS OF MILITARY AID APPEARS WISE, BALANCED AND TO BE IN THE INTEREST NOT ONLY OF ANGOLA BUT OF AFRICAN UNITY AND WORLD PEACE.

4. IN RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING AN INDEPENDENT ANGOLA OAU MEMBER STATES SHOULD CONDEMN THOSE WHO NOW WANT TO RECOLONISE IT REGARDLESS OF WHO THEY ARE.

5. ANGOLA IS NOW AFRICA'S NUMBER ONE PROBLEM. IN SOLVING IT, AS WE MUST, THE FOLLOWING IS A SUGGESTED APPROACH:

A. THE BASIC APPROACH SHOULD BE ONE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A SOVEREIGN STATE.

B. SUCH NON-INTERFERENCE SHOULD BE OBSERVED BY ALL FOREIGN STATES - OAU MEMBERS, SOUTH AFRICA, U.S.A. U.S.S.R., CUBA AND CHINA.

C. THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS CONFLICT COULD BEST BE NEGOTIATED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF EITHER NEUTRAL OAU MEMBER STATES OR THE A.N.

D. ALL PERTINENT PARTIES IN ANGOLA SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO FORM A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND CEASE ACCEPTING ALL FORMS OF MILITARY AID.

6. THE SUGGESTED APPROACH IN FIVE ABOVE SHOULD LEAD TO THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED SOLUTION FOR A TRULY INDEPENDENT ANGOLA.

A. A CEASE-FIRE SHOULD BE AGREED TO AND IMPLEMENTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF EITHER THE OAU OR THE U.N.

B. ALL OAU MEMBER STATES WHO HAVE HITHERTO RECOGNIZED ANY LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN ANGOLA SHOULD SUSPEND RECOGNITION PENDING THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. A SIMILAR APPEAL SHOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MADE BY THE OAU TO ALL FOREIGN STATES.

C. A COMMITTEE OF 5 1 10 FROM THE HITHERTO NEUTRAL MEMBERS OF THE OAU SHOULD BE FORMED TO DISCUSS ANGOLA WITH MPLA, FNLA AND UNITA LEADERS. A MUTUALLY AGREED SUITABLE VENUE OUTSIDE ANGOLA SHOULD BE FOUND.

D. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL

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COMMISSION INRANGOLA UNDER WHICH THE CHAIRMANSHIP WOULD ROTATE AMONGST THE LEADERS OF THE THREE MOVEMBENTS/ NO ONE OF THEM WOULD BE PRESIDENT. (THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION WOULD ENHANCE THE SEAT OF THE PRESIDENCY UNTIL ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD.)

E. THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION MAY BE COMPOSED OF NINE CABINET MINISTERS THREE OF WHOM SHOULD BE APPOINTED FROM EACH MOVEMENT.

F. WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ELECTIONS, SUPERVISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS, SHOULD BE HELD. THE ELECTIONS WOULD INDICATE THE WILL OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE AND A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE EMERGED.

7. NO ONE OF US -OAU MEMBER STATES HAS A RIGHT TO HELP TO IMPOSE ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA.

ALL BELLIGERENTS IN ANGOLA AND THEIR SUPPORTERS CLAIM THAT THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR LIBERATION AND SELF-DETERMINATION. IF THIS BE TRUE, LET THEM LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS AND LET THE PEOLPLE FOR WHOM THEY SAY THEY ARE FIGHYING DECIDE THE ISSUE BY VOTING TO DETERMINE THE WISHES OF THE MAJORITY WITHOUT FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE. OTHERWISN FORCE OR MIGHT WILL TRIUMPH AND THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA SHALL HAVE BEEN CONQUERED. ALTERNATIVELY, SEPARATE AUTONOMOUS STATES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. END QUOTE
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